

West Nile Virus Found in Mosquitoes in Gerlach near the Burning Man Event

The Washoe County Health District confirmed that mosquito traps in the Gerlach area have tested positive for the West Nile virus. Therefore, anyone who attended Burning Man or has been in this area may have been exposed to the virus. The virus has now been found in Washoe, Clark, Mineral and Elko counties.

The West Nile virus attacks the nervous system and the health department suggests wearing long sleeves and bug spray to help prevent being bitten.

To learn more about the West Nile virus visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/> or the Washoe County Health District website at <http://www.washoecounty.us/health/ehs/vbdp.html> Please direct any questions to the Washoe County Health District's Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Program at (775) 785-4599 or (775) 328-2436.